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# SEND BLUEBACKS TO PORTLAND

For the second day, not an offshore arrivals was reported here up to noon today. The fleet of gasoline boats struck bluebacks out in Ipswich Bay again yesterday and quite a number were landed at the Fort.

A. Cooney & Company were the principal buyers, sending some to the cold storage, while a large consignment went to the freezer at Portland.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Bonita, seining, 40 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Bryda F., seining, 31 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Beatrice E., seining, 36 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Yankee, seining, 40 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Nashawent, seining, 150 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Scout, seining, 100 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Joppaite, seining, 60 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Pegasus, seining, 12 bbls. fresh bluebacks.
- Str. Venture, seining, 60 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

## Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. A. Platt Andrew, haddocking.
- Sch. Manomet, haddocking

## Portland Fishing News

The schooner Dorcas, which has been tied up at Central wharf for several months since the close of the sword fishing season, sailed Monday under command of Capt. Frank Griffin, going to the eastward for a cargo of herring to be brought here for the Central Wharf Cold Storage Co.

A trip of halibut and salt fish was brought into port Monday by the schooner Margie Turner. The Turner has been on a three weeks' fishing trip off Sable island and in her fare was a catch of 10,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt fish. The halibut was sold to Capt. Hardy, representing the New England Fish Co., at prices ranging from 8 1-4 to 10 1-2 cents per pound. The salt fish will be taken to the Gloucester market and offered for sale. Capt. Colson reports having experienced heavy weather all of the time with the wind easterly and the conditions very unfavorable for fishing.

## Vessels Measured.

The new sch. Commonwealth, recently launched from James & Son's yard, Essex, measures 103 feet long, 24 feet beam, and 11.8 feet depth of hold. She is 141 tons gross, gasoline screw and will be commanded by Capt. Frank Watts of sch. Gladys and Nellie.

Another new craft, built by Arthur D. Story at his Essex yards, measures 89.8 feet long, 22.2 feet beam and 10.9 feet, depth of hold. She is 100.41 gross tons and is on the market for sale.

The gasoline screw steamer Julia May, built at Rockport for Capt. Peter Tyser, measures 22 tons gross and 21 tons net. She will be used in the gill netting fishery.

# "SMOKE" BOATS HAD MACKEREL

## Only One Arrival at T Wharf This Morning With Ground Fish.

But for the arrival of a few of the "smoke fleet" with fresh mackerel, T wharf would have been a very much deserted place this morning, the only fresh groundfish fare in being sch. Edith Silveria of this port with a mixed fare of 17,000 pounds.

Prices consequently soared, wholesalers paying \$7 a hundred pounds for haddock and cod, \$4.50 for pollock, \$3 to \$6 for hake and \$4.50 for cusk.

## Boston's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Str. Anna T., 6000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Italian boat, No. 36, 14,000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Frank, 16,000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. New Boston, 15,000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Lawrence Scoler, 16,000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Str. Reliance, 75 bbls. bluebacks.
- Str. St. Joseph, 6000 tinker fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, 3000 haddock, 2200 cod, 9000 hake, 2000 cusk, 200 pollock.
- Haddock, \$7 per cwt.; cod, \$7; pollock, \$4.50; hake, \$3 to \$6; cusk, \$4.50.

# ITALIAN BOATS ON MACKEREL

A few of the boats found mackerel again out in the bay, which were taken to Boston for this morning's market.

The Italian fishermen were very much in evidence, having the bulk of the catch which met a ready sale. Early sales were at eight cents a pound but dropped later to six and three-fifths cents.

At the Fort this morning, two Italian boats arrived, one with 400 pounds and the other with five barrels of tinkers. Lufkin & Tarr and A. Cooney & Company were the buyers.

Police Officer John J. Curtis tried his hand at hooking out in the bay yesterday afternoon, securing 43 mackerel on the jig off the Essex buoy.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

### Arrivals.

- Sch. Elsie A. Bayles, Bangor for New York.
- Sch. Mary Langdon, Rockport, Maine for Norwich.
- Str. Reliance, Newburyport for Boston.
- Str. Hercules, Newburyport for Boston.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.
- Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50, medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
- Drift codfish, large \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.
- Flitch halibut, 10c per lb.
- Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.
- Pollock, \$1.50.
- Salt mackerel, \$28 per bbl. for large rimmed; \$26 for unrimmed; \$21 for number one fish.

### Fresh Fish.

- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
- Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.
- Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.
- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
- Hake, \$1.15.
- Cusk, large \$1.70; medium \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
- Dressed pollock 80c; round, 70c.
- Fresh shad, \$4 per bbl.
- Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.
- Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$1.75 to freezer.
- Bank halibut, 10c per lb. for white and 8 1-2c for gray.
- Fresh small mackerel 4c and 5c per lb.

# BLUEFISH WERE LOW LAST WEEK

The hardest work the whole commission men at Fulton Market to do during last week was to get bluefish. Thirty-six crafts reached market, each one carrying blues combined catch up to noon on Thursday being 144,600 fish at an average weight of five pounds each, or in 723,000 pounds. No one seemed to care for bluefish though it was off at very low prices.

The daily receipts of bluefish were as follows: Friday, p.m., 67,000 pounds; Saturday, 148,000 pounds; Monday, 195,000 pounds, the heaviest daily receipts of the week; Tuesday, 190 pounds; Wednesday, 143,500 pounds and Thursday, up to noon, 78 pounds. Of the 36 bluefish vessels had 4000 or more fish; five smacks over 500 fish; eight over 6000 fish, four, 7000 fish or more. Only one vessel had more than 8000 fish.

Bluefish were quoted at 6c per pound up to Wednesday, when the price dropped to 5 1-2c. On Thursday, sales were made at 5 1-2 to 6c.

The trouble at this time, seems to be that the public have had too much bluefish this season. The run has been unusually heavy and prices have been very low. In a couple of weeks when the supply shortens up, it is likely the public will be willing to pay higher prices.

Tailor, or one-pound bluefish, were only fairly plentiful and sold at 10 1-2c per pound. All told, the craft landed 845,800 pounds of fish this week. Six trips of mixed fish, consisting of 67,200 pounds of weakfish, bluefish and butterfish, arrived from the New Jersey coast.

Codfish was fairly low in price, probably lower than at any other time this season. Market fish sold at 2 1-2 to 4 1-2c and steak cod at 5 to 8 1-2c.

Five cents per pound was the price of haddock from Monday on. Saturday sales were made at 1 1-2 to 4c.

Western white halibut brought 10c per pound during the forepart of the week and 3 to 10c during the latter half. Eastern white halibut on Thursday was hard to sell at 9 to 10c per pound.

The quotation on hake was 2 to 3c per pound.

Fresh mackerel. There were spikes in the market. Large fish sold at 35c each on Saturday and Monday. Tinkers were quoted at \$6 to \$14 per barrel.

## Launch at Mahone Bay.

There was a successful launch of Ernst & Sons shipyard at Mahone Bay, S. Tuesday morning, when sch. Viola May, took the water. The schooner is 99 tons, 135 feet over all, 26 feet 2 inches beam and 11 feet 2 inches depth of hold. She is very solidly built, well kneeled and to be used for fishing in summer months and coasting in winter, and is to be commanded by Captain Lavinus Wentzell. She is chartered to load coal from Sydney to Newfoundland and fish from there to Spain.

# BIG DRYER FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

It is rumored that it is the intention of a large company to erect drying stations at various places along the Newfoundland coast, with a two-fold object in view, says a St. John's dispatch. First they will buy and process fish into shredded boneless, etc., and, second, they will undertake to dry fish for the fishermen and make it into ordinary dry fish. It is estimated that it costs at least 30 cents per quintal to cure dry fish at present. This company, if it is established will process fish from salt bulk to hard dry merchantable for 15 cents per quintal. This not only means an immense saving on the cost, quotes the article, but, in addition, it ensures a uniform high grade article, and no cullage of any kind.